

West Lafayette Go Greener Commission Meeting

Minutes of Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting

Tuesday, February 12, 2013, 6:00 PM

Council Chambers, West Lafayette City Hall

Attending: Allen Jacobsen; Dave Henderson; Lindsey Payne; Gene Hanus; Aparna Puri; Thom Davis; Peter Bunder; Parr Durr; James Britton; Mary Kate Dufair-McDunna

Absentees: Heather Gall; Tom Voight

Others: Vicky Birch, WL City Council District 4

- I. Allen: Call to order
- II. Introductions – welcome new commissioners
- III. Approval of November 2012, December 2012, January 2013
 - a. Remove sustainability report stats
 - b. November 2012, Thom motions to approve, Gene seconds, approved
 - c. December 2012, Lindsey motions to approve, Thom seconds, approved
 - d. January 2013, Lindsey motions to approved, Parr seconds, approved
- IV. Financial report (Allen)
 - a. Met with Diane, still working on money issues, working to see if items were paid for from a separate account (Allen)
 - b. Composting project – Heather and Lindsey wrote a final report and submitted to Tipmont, grant closed and complete (Allen)
 - c. Green events recycling – how do we want to support these events; we have supported some bigger events in the past—GLC events; don't feel as though we can really support these events (Allen)
 - Riverfest, July 13; Arts on the Wabash, Sept 15; Outfest, August 17; Beers Across the Wabash, August 24; Jazz & Blues, August 24; Global Fest, August 31
 - Can we ask TAF to have vendors set up for recycling (Parr)
 - We could do an educational display on the bridge with the Paint the Rain stuff from WREC (Lindsey)
 - Seeking a coordinator for these events & will discuss at next meeting (Allen)
 - d. Also E-waste events for education and outreach - March 23 Lafayette Jeff HS and April 20, Remax (Thom)
 - e. American Waters also has a program called water wise that can be used for education, they have materials we can access, looking at us as a partner to roll out this program, new operations manager, Brandon France (Gene)
 - f. Do we do anything with the WL Farmers market? (James)
 - We did a lot in the summer of 2011, not as much in 2012 (Aparna)
- V. Commission Vacancies (Allen)
 - a. Please email Allen with any corrections to contact information
 - b. Still have one vacancy, commission appointed vacancy, so Gene motions to appoint Kara Salazar, second Thom, approved

- c. Allen & Heather's terms up at end of next month, Allen is going to talk to Mayor about staying, Peter will ask Heather her plans
 - d. Peter motions to reappoint Lindsey Payne, Parr seconds, approved
- VI. Rail Service
 - a. Rail service, all Amtrak routes less than 750 miles will lose government support, lose rail service three days a week, lose ability to go and return in same day, lose Friday, Sunday and once time during week, state can step and support to about 3 million dollars/year (Allen), service will cease in October, every other state has stepped up and paid
 - b. Indot has hired consultant to review routes and term usage (Thom)
 - c. Study due to be completed in May (Allen)
 - d. Is Purdue involved, this will kill the international students and transport (Lindsey)
 - e. Have a public education session at Depot next month, get Purdue "key" folks involved (Lindsey), ask Indot (Allen), Thom is on high-speed rail committee and will take the lead on this
- VII. Sustainability Report
 - a. We need to pull together the final report - does anyone want to help (Allen)
 - b. Thom and Allen will take the lead and Aparna will help
 - c. Lindsey will organize and send out to all
 - d. Will get a first draft before next meeting (Allen)
- VIII. Status of Stormwater Ordinance
 - a. Approved on first reading (Allen)
 - b. All ordinances, reading on city website on agenda tab (Peter)
 - c. Two different things, 1) private roads are off the hook, first draft, gated communities/planned developments would have had to pay as a "parking lot"; 2) there is now a sunset, 20 years
 - From experience with waste water, never gets less regulated and cheaper, so we will be revisiting it (Dave)
 - Not sure why this was selected—20 year plan—perhaps tied to capital plan? (Dave/Peter)
 - Also working on a credit/incentive guidance manual (Dave)
 - Big apartment complexes are charged per housing unit (ERU 3,200 sq ft), apartment complex divided up into units (James/Dave)
 - January 2014 we get our first bill (Allen)
- IX. 2013 Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence
 - a. City of WL has gotten it twice, do we want to go for it again
 - b. We have gathered a lot of metrics on recycling, data for the past two years, 2011-2012, increased in January by 4%
 - c. Prescription drug program (Allen), police department has the data (Lindsey)
 - We will try for a draft application by next meeting, contact: Janet Shepherd, shepherd@westlafayettepd.us
- X. Announcements

- a. Heather Gall had a baby! AND Community of Choice “Green Community” has started, next meeting 3PM, 2/26/2013, 9 Irish Brothers – working on action plan for improving the community, Allen & Lindsey are on the committee (Allen)
 - b. Working to identify projects for Clean Community Challenge and seeking more stakeholders AND March 18-24 is Fix a Leak week (Dave)
 - c. Paint the Rain, <http://www.tippeconow.com/painttherain/> AND invited to the Student Sustainability Summit, Feb 20, 2013, <http://studentsustainabilitysummit.eventbrite.com/> (Lindsey)
 - d. Metered trash, we need to have disincentives, changes behaviors, incentives don’t get the job done fast enough AND a lighter note, communication and outreach is key so would like to take on Facebook, Twitter, Newsletter, Lindsey will connect with Linda and see how the transfer could occur; can we change the 8 dollar fee to more directly deal with behavior not just a straight across the board for all (James)
 - e. Spent past month on phone contacting various trash haulers in WL, big issue is a loss of parking spot for extra dumpster, biggest hurdle is getting information out of waste management, still pursuing it (Gene)
- XI. Allen motions to adjourn, Peter seconds, moved
- XII. Next meeting March 12, 2013, 6:00 PM!

Recorded by Lindsey Payne and submitted to Allen Jacobsen on February 12, 2013